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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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MARVIN LEE HEIGHT,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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SAM OLENS et al.,

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Defendants.

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Case No. CV416-032

ORDER

After the Court recommended dismissing his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 Complaint as an unauthorized second or successive 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition (doc. 3), Marvin Height objected, pointing out that claims like his¹ are actionable under § 1983. Doc. 8 at 4 (citing *Grayson v. King*, 460 F.3d 1328 (11th Cir. 2006). He's right. “[C]laims seeking post-conviction access to biological evidence for DNA testing purposes may be brought as a § 1983 action.” *Grayson*, 460 F.3d at 1336. The Court therefore **VACATES** its previous recommendation. Doc. 3. It will address the merits of Height's claim in a separate order.

¹ Height seeks to have DNA comparison testing performed. Doc. 8 at 2. That, he says, will “exclude him as the perpetrator of th[e] heinous crime” (murder) for which he stands convicted. *Id.*

SO ORDERED, this 15th day of March, 2016.



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA